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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS

1. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI IS OUT OF COUNTRY AND NO ONE
KNOWS WHEN HE IS COMING BACK, I CALLED ON MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
OTAIBA MAY 31 TO LEAVE COPY OF SECRETARY'S IEA SPEECH AND TO GO
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OVER GROUND IN STATE 124719.

2. AT END OF MY REMARKS OTAIBA SAID HE WOULD WISH TO GIVE CLOSE STUDY TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH BUT HIS INITIAL REACTION WAS "VERY FAVORABLE". HE RECALLED WITH A SMILE THAT TWO MONTHS AGO HE HAD SUGGESTED IDEA OF SEPARATE COMMISSIONS WORKING AT THEIR OWN PACE AS WAY OF BREAKING IMPASSE AT PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT SECRETARY HAD ADOPTED "OTAIBA PLAN". (OTAIBA SAID HE THOUGHT U.S.

PROPOSALS WOULD HELP TO DEFUSE GROWING ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS AND, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, GIVE MODER-

ATES WITHIN OPEC STRONG ADDITIONAL GROUNDS TO HEAD OFF "EXTREMISTS" WHO WERE PUSHING FOR FURTHER PRICE RISE. IF CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE

UNDERWAY BY SEPTEMBER HE THOUGHT THERE WAS GOOD CHANCE OPEC WOULD HOLD LINE ON PRICES TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE.

3. SINCE THERE IS NO ONE OF IMPORTANCE AT PRESENT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, I WILL WAIT FOR SUWAIDI'S RETURN TO GO OVER SAME GROUND, AS WELL AS SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS IN OECD ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO LDCS. OTAIBA ASKED ME TO REVIEW WITH HIM SECRETARY'S OECD SPEECH WHICH I WILL DO TODAY. HE THEN INTENDS TO SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF SHAIKH ZAYID ON U.S. PROPOSALS AS A WHOLE.
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